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SUBJ: MARCOS SPEECH TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION: TEXT OF
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1. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT MARCOS'
JUNE 3 SPEECH TO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION IN MANILA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: I AM VERY PLEASED TO JOIN YOU TODAY IN
OBSERVING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS
ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY VERY
BEST WISHES THAT THE CLUB WILL CELEBRATE MANY MORE ANNIVERSARIES
IN THE YEARS TO COME.

3. THE THREEYEAR HISTORY OF THIS ASSOCIATION FULLY COINCIDES
WITH THREE OF THE MOST EVENTFUL YEARS OF THE NEW SOCIETY, BOTH
IN OUR EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE OUR PROGRAMS AT HOME AND TO
CEMENT OUR TIES WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE UNITED STATES, WESTERN
EUROPE, THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES AND THOSE OF THE THIRD WORLD,
THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE AND ASIA AND WITH JAPAN.

4. IN THOSE THREE YEARS, THE WORLD HAS SHOWN AN INFINTELY
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GREATER INTEREST THAT AT ANY TIME BEFORE IN THE EVENTS
IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD, AND HAS RELIED A GREAT DEAL ON
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO REPORT ASIA TO THEM. IT IS A
PARADOX THAT AS THE TIDE OF EVENTS UNDERLINED THE
IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE CORRESPONDENT PRESS IN REPORTING
ASIA TO THE REST OF THE WORLD, THERE HAVE EMERGED DEEP
DIVERGENCIES IN PERSPECTIVES AND VIEWPOINTS BETWEEN ASIANS

AND WESTERNERS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF ISSUES.

5. IT WOULD BE IDLE TO DENY THAT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, OUR COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN MANY TIMES DISAPPOINTED BY THE SEEMING ABSENCE OF SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE FOREIGN COVERAGE OF THE NEWS IN OUR PART OF THE WORLD; NEITHER IS IT USEFUL TO PRETEND THAT MAJORITY IN THE NEWS COMMUNITY WHOLLY APPRECIATE OR SUPPORT THE DIRECTIONS IN WHICH CONTEMPORARY REALITIES HAVE TAKEN OR ARE LEADING US.

6. WE HAVE BEEN TEMPTED ON MANY OCCASIONS TO OBSERVE THAT AS FAR AS OUR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED, IT IS ALWAYS, AS OSCAR WILDE ONCE PUT IT, "THE UNREADABLE THAT OCCURS."

7. BUT, BECAUSE WE HAVE LIVED LONG ENOUGH WITH THE TRADITION OF THE FREE PRESS, WE HAVE ACCEPTED THIS WITH ENOUGH SRENTY TO THE POINT OF BECOMING COMFORTABLE WITH IT.

8. WHATEVER MAY BE SAID OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, IT WILL NOT BE SAID THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE. FOR THE VERY CLASH OF VIEWPOINTS HAS SERVED TO CAST A CLEARER PERSPECTIVE UPON THE ASIAN SCENE, CORRECTING AT TIMES THE POLICIES OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, AT TIMES THE PERSPECTIVE FROM WHICH YOUR PURSUE YOUR OWN WORK OF REPORTING AND INTERPRETING THE NEWS.

9. I CONSIDER THIS MEETING, THEREFORE, AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENRICH OUR DIALOGUE AND TO EXPLORE SOME AREAS THAT RAISE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME QUESTIONS FOR US HERE, AND POSSIBLY IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

10. AS THE MEMBERS OF THIS SOCIETY HAVE LONG RECOGNIZED, THE LAST FOUR YEARS HAVE CREATED AN ENTIRELY NEW ENVIRONMENT IN ASIA, DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN WHICH THE DECADE STARTED. WITHIN SOUTHEAST ASIA ALONE, THE MARCH OF EVENTS HAVE BEEN RAPID AND BEWILDERING. IN EACH OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, NEW INITIATIVES TOWARDS SOCIAL CHANGE AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION HAVE TAKEN SHAPE, REFLECTING PROFOUND SHIFTS IN STRATEGIES AND OUTLOOKS AND PORTENDING MORE DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.

11. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PHILIPPINES DURING THIS PERIOD MAY BE TAKEN AS SUGGESTIVE OF THE WHOLE. AFTER 26 YEARS OF BEING HAILED AS A BASTION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY IN ASIA, WE WERE COMPELLED TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT WE HAD ARRIVED AT A SITUATION IN WHICH SLOGANS NO LONGER WORKED, AND THAT

REAL POLITICAL WILL WAS NEEDED TO CONVERT CRISIS INTO OPPORTUNITY.

12. WE RECOGNIZED THE NEW REALITIES OF A MULTIPOLAR WORLD, ACCEPTED THE BURDEN OF NATIONAL SELF-RELIANCE AND DECIDED TO RECAST THE FRAMEWORK NOT ONLY OF OUR DOMESTIC, BUT ALSO OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. THE NET RESULT OF ALL THIS IS THAT TODAY WE HAVE FORMAL TIES WITH ALL COUNTRIES, ARE IMPLEMENTING OUR OWN STRATEGY AND PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE, AND DESPITE THE WEB OF EXTERNAL CRISES IN WHICH WE, LIKE THE REST OF THE NATIONS, ARE CAUGHT HAVE GAINED A NEW CONFIDENCE ABOUT OUR FUTURE AND A FIRMER GRIP UPON OURSELVES.

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13. BY THE YARDSTICK OF OTHER NATIONS, OUR NATIONAL OUTLOOK TODAY, OUR PROGRAMS AND OUR POLICIES NEITHER CONFIRM TRADITIONAL IDEAS ABOUT DEVELOPMENT, NOR DO THEY RECREATE THE LESSONS OF THEIR EXPERIENCE. THERE IS SOMETHING INDIGENOUS AND FILIPINO IN ALL THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THIS COUNTRY -- A RETURN TO ROOTS AND NATIONAL REALITIES. YET BY THE MEASURE OF THE COMMON DREAM WE CHERISH OF HUMAN LIFE AND DESTINY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE RESULT WILL BE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DIGNITY

AND WELFARE FOR THE HUMAN INDIVIDUAL, AND THE VITALITY AND STRENGTH OF OUR NATIONAL COMMUNITY.

14. HE WHO WOULD LOOK AT THE PHILIPPINE EXPERIENCE WITHOUT ANY BLINDERS, WHO WILL NOT MERELY SEEK CONFIRMATION OF ONE'S PREJUDICES AND CONFUSIONS, WILL FIND IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY THE FOUNDATIONS OF A NEW SOCIETY THAT IS HUMANE, PROGRESSIVE AND EGALITARIAN.

15. I SHALL BE THE FIRST TO SAY THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF CRISIS GOVERNMENT, OUR INSTITUTIONS AND VALUES HAVE UNDERGONE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES. THE BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEN AND NOW IS THAT WHEREAS BEFORE WE HAD A DEMOCRACY THAT WAS DISINTEGRATING EVERYDAY FROM MALPRACTICE AND ABUSE, TODAY WE HAVE AN AUTHORITARIAN RULE WHOSE AVOWED OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO MAINTAIN AUTHORITARIANISM BUT TO CLEAR THE PASSAGE FOR A UNCLASSIFIED

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REAL WORKING DEMOCRATIC ORDER. WE ARE TODAY IN THE PERIOD OF TRANSITION IN WHICH ALL OUR EFFORTS MUST HELP NOURISH THE FAITH OF OUR PEOPLE IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, IN WHICH WE MUST IMBUE THE INDIVIDUAL WITH A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND NATIONHOOD, SO THAT HE WILL CONSTANTLY SEE HIMSELF IN THE MIRROR OF THE NATION.

16. I REALIZE HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR IMPARTIAL OBSERVERS OF THE PRESS TO FORM WONDERFUL CONCEPTIONS OF HUMAN LIFE AND HUMAN SOCIETY IN A COUNTRY UNDER AN UNORTHODOX RULE. BUT PRECISELY BECAUSE YOU ARE CLOSE TO THE FACTS, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BEYOND THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM.

17. NOWHERE WOULD I MAKE A STRONGER PLEA FOR THIS THAN IN YOUR REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WHERE SO MUCH MISINFORMATION HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED ABROAD ABOUT CERTAIN CASES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

18. AT THE VERY START OF MARTIAL LAW, I MADE IT THE CLEAR AND SIMPLE RULE IN ADMINISTERING DETAINEES THAT THEY SHALL BE ACCORDED FULL RESPECT AND HUMANE TREATMENT, SO THAT LATER AFTER THEIR DETENTION, THEY WOULD RETURN TO THE FOLD OF THE LAW AND SOCIETY, NOT ONLY FULLY REHABILITATED AND RESPECTING THE LAW BUT EVER MINDFUL OF THE GOOD EXAMPLE THEY SHALL HAVE SEEN AMONG OUR SOLDIERS. THIS POLICY IS PART OF THE NUMEROUS INSTRUCTIONS WE HAVE ISSUED NOT ONLY ONCE, AND IN SUBSTANCE, HAS BECOME PART OF THE CODE OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY OF THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE INTERROGATION AND DETENTION OF PRISONERS. THAT CASES OF MALTREATMENT AND TORTURE HAVE BEEN REPORTED IS REGRETTABLE, BUT WHILE THEY DO INDICT CERTAIN FLAWS IN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN CHARACTER, IT IS ERRONEOUS AND UNFAIR TO GENERALIZE ON THE BASIS OF A FEW ABERRATIONS AND INDICT A POLICY THAT HAS UNTIL NOW SOUGHT THE MOST HUMANE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

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19. IT DESERVES POINTING OUT THAT WE HAVE INSTITUTED A SYSTEM THAT PROSCRIBES IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THE MALTREATMENT OF PRISONERS, BUT WHERE SUCH MALTREATMENT OCCURS, WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR ITS CONCEALMENT, EITHER FROM ANYONE WHO WOULD TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE GRIEVANCE OF THE VICTIM OR FROM GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS NOT HESITATED TO DEAL STERNLY AND SWIFTLY WITH ANY OFFENDER.

20. WE HAVE JUST UNDERTAKEN A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS BY THE MILITARY, AND FROM THIS REVIEW, WE SEE THAT ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF ISOLATED COMPLAINTS HAS BEEN RAISED CONCERNING THE MALTREATMENT OF PRISONERS. WE DERIVE NO CONSOLATION FROM THE FACT THAT THEY ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, OR THAT THEY DO NOT CONSTITUTE A PATTERN OF REPRESSION OR TORTURE. NO SINGLE CASE OF MALTREATMENT IS TO ME PERMISSIBLE, ONE SOLITARY VICTIM IS TOO MANY NOT TO AROUSE MY OWN PERSONAL ANGER.

21. WHAT WE HAVE DONE, AND WHAT WE SHALL CONSTANTLY SEEK TO DO, IS TO SEE TO IT THAT JUSTICE IS NOT DENIED TO ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN WRONGED, AND THAT NO ONE SHALL GO UNPUNISHED WHO HAS VIOLATED THE SACRED PRINCIPLE OF HUMANE REGARD FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD. SOME PEOPLE WILL SAY THAT THEY WOULD RATHER SEE 10 GUILTY PERSONS ESCAPE THAN SEE ONE INNOCENT PERSON SUFFER; WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN LETTING THE GUILTY ESCAPE, BUT NEITHER DO WE BELIEVE IN SEEING THE INNOCENT SUFFER.

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22. I THINK WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THIS IN VARIOUS CASES, THE MOST RECENT OF WHICH IS THE CASE

OF MRS. TRINIDAD GERILLA, ALIAS TRINIDAD HERRERA, WHICH HAS BEEN RECENTLY THE SUBJECT OF MUCH SCRUTINY. THIS DETAINEE WHO HAS CHARGED HER CUSTODIANS WITH HAVING SUBJECTED HER TO PHYSICAL TORTURE. SHE WAS, OF COURSE, EXAMINED BY THE DOCTORS. THE REPORTS OF THE DOCTORS WERE CONTROVERSIAL, AND YET NOTWITHSTANDING THIS I IMMEDIATELY ORDERED THE CASE INVESTIGATED, I ORDERED THE ARREST OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR COURT MARTIAL AND

AT THE SAME TIME ORDERED HER RELEASED TO THE CUSTODY OF HER LAWYER. THIS IS THE PATTERN OF CONDUCT WHICH WE INTEND TO FOLLOW IN CASES OF THIS NATURE.

23. YET, WHILE OUR ACTION HAS BEEN SWIFT AND UNEQUIVOCAL, IT HAS NOT EARNED ANY NOTICE AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SWIFT TO PRONOUNCE JUDGMENT ON OUR GOVERNMENT. THIS TO ME IS A LITTLE UNFAIR. THE CRIME ITSELF HAS BEEN BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION, AND MRS. HERRERA IS NOW BEING EXPLOITED AS A SYMBOL. YET CONTRARY TO THE EXAGGERATED REPORT THAT MRS. HERRERA CAME OUT OF HER INTERROGATION "A VIRTUAL VEGETABLE," IT SHOULD BE AT LEAST BE RECORDED THAT SHE WAS FOUND TO BE CONSCIOUS, COHERENT AND WELL-ORIENTED BY HER MEDICAL EXAMINERS. AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED TOO, WITHOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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MEANING TO EXTENUATE THE ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST HER PERSON, THAT AT THE TIME OF HER ARREST ON APRIL 26, 1977, SHE HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN ARREST ORDER, IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN ACTIVITIES VIOLATIVE OF THE ANTI-SUBVERSION LAW, SIGNED A YEAR BEFORE.

24. IT BEARS NOTING THAT IN ALL THE REPORTED CASES OF MALTREATMENT OF DETAINEES, FULL ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY THE MILITARY, IN ORDER TO PUNISH THE GUILTY. THIS POLICY WILL CONTINUE. AND IT WILL CONTINUE, NOT IN ORDER TO ENFORCE REPRESSION AS SOME OF OUR CRITICS SEEM TO VIEW IT, BUT IN ORDER TO CHECK ANY FORM OF REPRESSION THAT MAY OCCUR FROM ANY MISBEHAVIOUR OF ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO SAFEGUARD AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF DETAINEES, AND SHALL NOT IN ANY FORM, AND FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE COUNTENANCE ANY INSTANCE OF BRUTALITY OR TORTURE.

25. OF COURSE WE CANNOT ACCEPT NOTORIOUSLY FALSE ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED ABOUT THIS MATTER, ESPECIALLY IF THIS IS DONE WITH THE AIM IN VIEW OF IMPAIRING OUR IMAGE BEFORE OUR FRIENDS AND THE WORLD AT LARGE.

26. I NOTE A STATEMENT ABOUT WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO REMARK BY SOME MISSIONARIES ABROAD THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN

53,000 POLITICAL ARRESTS SINCE 1972 AND THAT AS MANY AS 15,000 PEOPLE MAY STILL BE HELD IN PRISON THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES. I AM A LITTLE BOTHERED WHEN I HEAR STATEMENTS LIKE THIS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY COME FROM MISSIONARIES OF WHOM I HAVE THE HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. WE REGRET IT AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CORRECT THIS IMPRESSION. THERE IS NO NEED FOR SPECULATION WHEN THE FACTS ARE AVAILABLE AND CAN BE CHECKED. TO DATE THERE ARE 4,764 PERSONS UNDER DETENTION ARRESTED BY THE MILITARY, BUT 3,913 WERE ARRESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH WARRANTS OF ARRESTS ISSUED BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES FOR COMMON CRIMES PUNISHABLE

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BY THE REVISED PENAL CODE. TWELVE ARE FORMER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEING HELD FOR GRAFT. ONE HUNDRED NINETY TWO ARE MILITARY PERSONNEL. FORTY-NINE ARE POLICE PERSONNEL AND 598 ARE UNDER DETENTION FOR VARIOUS CRIMES OF REBELLION, TREASON OR SUBVERSION. NONE OF THESE DETAINEES IS UNDER DETENTION FOR THEIR POLITICAL BELIEFS. THEY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS OF CRIMINAL STATUTES. BEFORE ARREST THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED AGAINST THEM WAS WEIGHED AND A PRIMA FACIE CASE ESTABLISHED. ALL ARE FACING FORMAL CHARGES IN COURT. IT IS PERTINENT TO NOTE THAT SOME OF THE PERSONS UNDER DETENTION ARE MEMBERS OF MILITARY OR POLICE. THEIR CASES INVOLVED VARIOUS VIOLATIONS OF CRIMINAL STATUTES AND ABUSES OF THEIR AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE MALTREATMENT OF PRISONERS. THE UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AMONG THE DETAINEES REVEALS THE EXTENT OF VIGILANCE OF THE ARMED FORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES ON THE CONDUCT OF MEN IN UNIFORM. THERE IS ALSO A REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT ANY NUMBER OF PERSONS DISAPPEARED AFTER THEY HAD BEEN ARRESTED. HERE IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT I AM AFRAID THIS IS PURE SPECULATION BUILT UP INTO SOME KIND OF A VERIFIED STATEMENT. ANY REPORT THAT WE RECEIVE ABOUT PERSONS DISAPPEARING IS IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED, AND THE FINDINGS COMMUNICATED TO THE IMPORTANT PARTIES. WE HAVE FOUND OUT THAT IN MANY CASES THE INITIAL REPORTS TURN OUT TO BE FALSE. FOR INSTANCE, THERE WAS THE REPORT OF ABOUT 300 MUSLIMS MISSING IN A SETTLEMENT CAMP IN COTABATO. THERE WAS EVEN TESTIMONY TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY HAVE SEEN THESE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEING KILLED BY THE MILITARY. THEY WERE DISCOVERED TO HAVE RESETTLED IN OTHER CAMPS. BUT WHOEVER STARTED ALL THESE FALSE RUMORS? THE MAN WHO SWORE HE SAW THESE MEN AND CHILDREN BEING KILLED -- WE WENT AFTER THIS AND (INAUDIBLE) OF COURSE VERIFICATION AND WITH THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS MAN HAD NEVER MADE HIS REPORT. AND YET IT APPEARED IN THE PRESS. IT APPEARED IN THE MEDIA. WE PERCEIVE A TENDENCY ON THE PART OF OPPONENTS OF GOVERNMENTS TO EXTRAPOLATE THE FACTS IN ORDER TO CASTIGATE

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THE GOVERNMENT FOR PERSONS WHO CANNOT BE LOCATED. AGAIN,
I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IF THERE ARE PERSONS WHO ARE NOT
LOCATED WHO
ARE READY TO GIVE OUR LISTS OF THE ORDER OF
BATTLE OF THE ENEMY. IN MANY INSTANCES WE FOUND THE MISSING
PERSON IN THE ORDER OF BATTLE. THEY HAVE GONE UNDERGROUND.

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27. IN ORDER TO ASSURE A MORE SATISFACTORY IMPLEMENTATION
OF OUR POLICY ON THE JUST AND HUMANE TREATMENT OF OUR DETAINEES,
WE ARE PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO ADOPT A NUMBER OF MEASURES
TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DETAINEES AND THEIR
CUSTODIANS AND WE HAVE BEGUN TO TAKE THESE STEPS. IN LINE
WITH THIS IM AM ISSUING A LETTER OF INSTRUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WHICH WILL INTEGRATE AND UPGRADE ALL
POLICIES OF THE SYSTEM CONCERNING THE ARREST, INVESTIGATION
AND INQUEST AND PROSECUTION OF RESPONDENTS, AS WELL AS THE
HANDLING, TREATMENT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF DETAINEE ADMINISTRATION.

28. I WAS GOING TO SIGN IT IN YOUR PRESENCE BUT I WAS
AFRAID THAT I WOULD BE CHARGED WITH SEEKING THE ADVICE OF
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS SO I MERELY SAY I'M GOING TO SIGN
IT LATER. IT IS ALL READY AND ALL PREPARED. IN ADDITION,
I PLAN TO ISSUE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS A DECREE PHASING OUT
THE MILITARY COMMISSIONS WHICH ARE HANDLING THE CASES OF
DETAINEES AND ADD INSTRUCTIONS THAT THESE MILITARY
COMMISSIONS FINISH ALL THE CASES THAT ARE PENDING IN COURT

AND AFTER WHICH IT IS OUR-MY-INTENTION TO SEE THAT ALL
CASES WILL HENCEFORTH BE REFERRED TO THE CIVIL COURTS.
I HAVE DIRECTED THAT THE MILITARY COMMISSIONS EXPEDITE ALL
THE CASES. I HEREBY ALSO ORDER THE RELEASE OF ALL PERSONS
WHO ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION WHO ARE NOT FACING ANY
FORMAL CHARGES AS OF NOW AND THE TIME IS 3 O'CLOCK IN THE
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AFTERNOON OF THIS DAY, JUNE 3. IF THERE ARE ANY DETAINEES
WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION, I
HEREBY ORDER THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO TRANSFER
THESE CASES PENDING BEFORE THE MILITARY COMMISSION WHICH
BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION CAN'T BE TRIED BY THE
MILITARY COMMISSIONS BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF CASES PENDING,
I DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO TRANSFER THEM
TO THE CIVIL COURTS IMMEDIATELY.

29. ANYWAY, OUR COMMITMENT TO LAW AND ORDER WILL NOT BE
IMPAIRED BY ANY LACK OF REGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND WE WILL
PERMIT NO QUESTION TO BE RAISED ON THE FIRMNESS OF OUR
ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS ON WHICH WE WERE AMONG THE VERY FIRST TO AFFIX OUR
SIGNATURE AT THE UNITED NATIONS. NEITHER SHALL WE GIVE
ANYONE REASON TO QUESTION OUR ESSENTIAL HUMANE AND
COMPASSIONATE CHARACTER AS A PEOPLE AND AS A NATION.

30. WE DO NOT HESITATE TO SAY THAT WITHIN THE LIMITED
SCOPE OF OUR NATIONAL ENDEAVORS, WE HALL TRY TO MATCH
THE EFFORTS OF THE BIG NATIONS IN SECURING FOR HUMAN
DIGNITY THE HIGHEST PLACE IN THE HIERARCHY OF VALUES
AMONG OUR PEOPLE. AND WE SHALL SEEK TO ATTAIN AND
DEMONSTRATE THIS NOT BY CULTIVATING AN ABSENCE OF INJUSTICE
IN OUR SOCIETY, BUT IN MAKING JUSTICE LIVE FULLY IN THE
LIFE OF EVERY MAN. END TEXT.
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